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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK RECEIVES 2013 ACTIVE TRAILS GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park is one of 22 national parks across the country selected to receive a 2013 [Active Trails](#) grant from the [National Park Foundation](#), the official charity of America's national parks. Now in its fifth year, the Active Trails program supports hands-on projects that encourage the public to lead healthy lives by actively engaging in trail work, special events and community activities that help restore, protect and/or create land and water trails across the country.

"Through the Active Trails program, we are able to help national parks across the country in their efforts to maintain and enhance the 17,000 miles of land and water trails that we currently have," said Neil Mulholland, President and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "These grants also help national parks create new trails and encourage healthy lifestyles by offering opportunities for the public to be active in their national parks."

Saguaro National Park will use this grant to engage local youth and recruit community members to assist park staff in repairing the Hope Camp Trail in the Rincon Valley, as well as encourage stewardship, volunteerism and healthy activity throughout the project. The Hope Camp Trail is a newly designated multiple-use trail attracting hikers, trail runners, bicyclers, and horseback riders who all use the same trail.

"Saguaro National Park is pleased to be able to work with the community to improve conditions along this newly designated multiple-use trail," said Darla Sidles, Superintendent of Saguaro National Park. "We appreciate the support from the National Park Foundation and the community groups already signing up to be partners in this project. Their service will enhance the experience for everyone involved."

Since 2008, the National Park Foundation has granted nearly \$1.7 million through its Active Trails program. To date, Active Trails has engaged more than 4,700 volunteers and 131 project partners who combined have contributed more than 21,000 hours to help promote, refurbish or build national park trails that were ultimately enjoyed by 304,000 visitors (and counting!).

"National park trails are simply invaluable. They provide venues for outdoor recreation, promote enjoyment of outdoor areas, support local economies, and so much more," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "Thanks to these grants, we will be able to encourage even greater visitor involvement in our trails with new projects, events and volunteer opportunities."

The 2013 Active Trails Grantees include:

[Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area](#), Montana
[Blue Ridge Parkway](#), North Carolina
[Buffalo National River](#), Arkansas
[Chickasaw National Recreation Area](#), Oklahoma
[Cuyahoga Valley National Park](#), Ohio
[Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area](#), Pennsylvania
[George Washington Birthplace National Monument](#), Virginia
[Glen Canyon National Recreation Area](#), Arizona
[Grand Teton National Park](#), Wyoming
[Gulf Islands National Seashore](#), Mississippi and Florida
[Joshua Tree National Park](#), California
[Mammoth Cave National Park](#), Kentucky
[Trail of Tears National Historic Trail](#), Tennessee
[North Country National Scenic Trail](#), Minnesota
[Ocmulgee National Monument](#), Georgia
[Point Reyes National Seashore](#), California
[River Raisin National Battlefield Park](#), Michigan
[Russell Cave National Monument](#), Alabama
[Saguaro National Park](#), Arizona
[Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument](#), Arizona
[Timpanogos Cave National Monument](#), Utah
[Voyageurs National Park](#), Minnesota

A listing of these parks and their Active Trails project descriptions can be found on the [National Park Foundation website](#).

The National Park Foundation wishes to thank [Coca-Cola](#) and the [Coca-Cola Foundation](#) for their generous support of the Active Trails program.

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